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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE WITH DRUG PHOLCODINE

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1. GOA ADVISES THAT SMALL QUANTITIES OF PHOLCODINE HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN AUSTRALIA FROM MORPHINE, BUT IN NEGLIGIBLE QUANTITIES AS COMPARED WITH CODEINE PRODUCTION.

2. ALL PHOLCODINE CONSUMED IN AUSTRALIA IS USED IN PREPARATION OF SUBSTANCES SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE III OF SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. THESE COMPOUNDS USED PRIMARILY IN COUGH SUPPRESSANTS.

3. ALL PREPARATIONS CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE PERCENT PHOLCODINE SUBJECT TO PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS. PHOLCODINE AND PREPARATIONS CONTAINING MORE THAN 2.5 PERCENT
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OF PHOLCODINE ADDITIONALLY SUBJECT TO DETAILED DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FROM POINT OF MANUFACTURE TO
FINAL CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION WITHOUT AUTHORITY ILLEGAL.

4. GOA HAS OBSERVED NO ABUSE OF PHOLCODINE AND HAS MADE NO
SEIZURES OF ILLICITLY OBTAINED DRUG.

5. FOLLOWING TABLE INDICATES SUPPLY AND CONSUMPTION OF
PHOLCODINE IN AUSTRALIA DURING 1973-1975:

(ALL DATA IN KILOGRAMS OF BASE DRUG)	1973	1974	1975
MANUFACTURE IN AUSTRALIA OF PHOLCODINE	18.599	56.124	NONE
CONSUMPTION IN MANUFACTURE OF SCHEDULE III PREPARATIONS IN MANUFACTURING ESTAB- LISHMENTS	177.758	211.726	160.051
IN PHARMACIES AND HOSPITALS	35.259	20.205	7.986
TOTAL	213.017	231.931	168.037
IMPORTS OF PHOLCODINE	59.340	166.500	145.920
EXPORTS OF PHOLCODINE	34.583	4.896	NONE

6. FULL TEXT OF 14 JULY LETTER FROM BATES, DIRECTOR,
AUSTRALIAN NARCOTICS BUREAU TO SIMPSON, INCLUDING LIST OF 30
KNOWN AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS OF SCHEDULE III PREPARATIONS
BEING POUCHED S/NM. HARGROVE

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